



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of
RONALD L. BEALE
For: BACK SUPPORT APPARATUS FOR USE
WITH A BACKPACK
Serial No. 09/844,047
Filed: 4/30/01

PATENT
) Art Unit: 3727
) Examiner: M. Brevard
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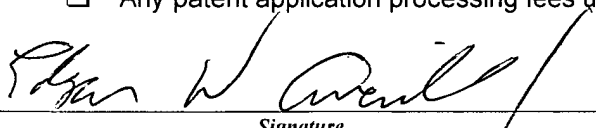
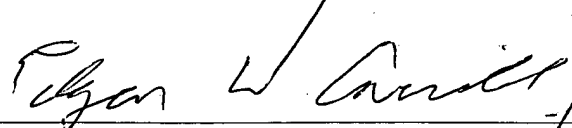
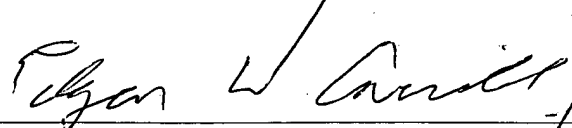
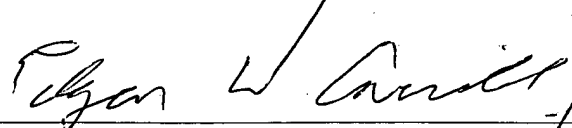
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of January 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Invention: Back Support Apparatus for Use With a Backpack											
 TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:											
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.											
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted. <input type="checkbox"/> A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.											
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____ <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-3022 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. <input type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.											
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